Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What was the travelling allowance paid?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: A very small remuneration.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: All the expenditure in connection with the gentleman has been debited to the appropriate head? Was that scheme published?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It was sent to the Municipalities concerned.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Did the Municipality ask for a Town Improvement Committee in this Council to handle this scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Not that I know of.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Was there a resolution in this House for a Town Improvement Committee so that they can handle the drainage, etc.

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

SCARCITY OF WATER—TRICHUR—MEASURES REGARDING

11. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state the measures, if any, taken to solve the problem of scarcity of water in the Trichur Town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Street hydrants have been installed fairly extensively in all parts of the town where scarcity is felt. An additional tank with a capacity of about 40,000 gallons a day will be completed and put into service during this dry season.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether the Naduthode scheme as far as the supply of drinking water to Trichur is kept in abeyance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The Naduthode scheme in so far as it relates to supply of drinking water to the Trichur Town is definitely kept in abeyance; because the most difficult part in the execution of the scheme is the purchase of cast iron pipes, and iron pipes are very scarce now and cannot be had.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will the Government be pleased to give an assurance that it will be taken up when the conditions improve?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is not possible to give an assurance. It will receive our consideration.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Can we have some hydrants?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes. Many more hydrants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether this new tank with about 40,000 gallons capacity will satisfy the needs of Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Not completely. It will satisfy the needs of Trichur to a very large extent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is there scope, Sir, to have near about Trichur one more additional tank with the same or more capacity just as the one we have taken up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes. More tanks can be built.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Therefore, may I take it, Sir, whether the Naduthode scheme cannot with advantage, be given up as these two or more tanks for which there is scope in Trichur as just now admitted by the Hon'ble Member for Public Works, being taken up to meet the water scarcity.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: By having many small tanks I do not think it will be possible to have the same quantity of water for the town as will be available from a large scheme of the Naduthode and the cost of constructing several tanks also is a very material point. The cost of the Naduthode reservoir and laying pipes may not be very much greater than the cost of several tanks of the same capacity.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether this Naduthode scheme is not standing, Sir, in the way of the construction of a very important road connecting the Taluks of Trichur and Talappalli whose alignment had been completed and funds provided for years back.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Does that question arise? We are on the subject of water supply to the Trichur Town and the member asks whether the Naduthode scheme does not stand in the way of constructing a road.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: My question, Sir, was whether the Naduthode scheme from where water was proposed to be supplied to Trichur had not stood in the way of the important road work mentioned is kept in abeyance. I want to know whether the Naduthode scheme which is now kept in abeyance, rather practically given up is not standing in

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the way of the early construction of a very important road connecting Trichur Taluk and the Talappalli Taluk. That is the question, Sir, that I definitely put.

Mr. President: I do not think that question does arise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Yes, Sir, let the Hon'ble Member for Public Works take shelter under that wrong assumption?

BHARATHI AMMA—TORTURE BY POLICE FOR EXTRACTING CONFESSION—COMPLAINTS REGARDING

12. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether petitions have been presented to the District Magistrate and to the Commissioner of Police by one Urambath Govindan Nayar complaining of serious torture of one Bharathi Amma his sister who is an accused in C.C. 447/18, Talappalli Magistrate Court for extracting a confession by the Head constable Govinda Menon attached to the Palayannur Police Station;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative what has been done in the matter by either of the recipients.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) and (*b*) The case is subjudice; no reply can be furnished now.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: I have made a correction. The answer to (*a*) is "yes".

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of the belated amended answer, Sir, may I know, Sir, whether this petition referred to in this question, that is the petition by Urambath Govindan Nayar complaining of serious torture of one Bharathi Amma, his sister, has been enquired into by the authorities concerned?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Necessary action has been taken on that petition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can the action taken be divulged to the benefit of this House?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The action taken is part of the case under trial. So, it cannot be divulged.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know how a petition of complaint of torture for extracting confession is part of the case as far as the subject-matter of C. C. 447/18 is concerned?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: For instance, if the allegation of tortue is true, the accused could have complained to the Magistrate, when she was immediately produced for remand.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the matter of the torture of the lady in question is the subject-matter of any case anywhere?

Mr. President: Order, Order, I think you had sufficient answer to your question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I should like to know whether there is a case pending in any of the courts regarding the torture which is referred to in this question?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: What is the approximate date of this petition?

Khan Snhib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The petition was in Chingam this year.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the answer is comprehensive of both the petitions, or the petition to the Commissioner of Police alone.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The answer to (*a*) refers to both the petitions.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the Government are aware of the physique of the accused in the case.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: So far as the report goes, she is pretending ill and evading the court.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether she attended court at the last hearing?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Government have no information on the point.

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